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LETTER DATED 22 JANUARY 1991 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVES OF ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT TRANSMITTING THE TEXT OF A JOINT STATEMENT ON COMMON NUCLEAR POLICY SIGNED AT FOZ DO IGUAZU, BRAZIL, ON 28 NOVEMBER 1990

We have the honour to attach the text of a joint statement on common nuclear policy signed by the President of the Federative Republic of Brazil, Doctor Fernando Collor, and the President of the Republic of Argentina, Doctor Carlos Saúl Menem, at Foz do Iguazú, Brazil, on 28 November 1990.

We would appreciate if you would arrange for the distribution of the joint statement as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament.

(Signed): Roberto García Moritán
Ambassador
Special Representative of
Argentina for Disarmament

(Signed): Rubens Ricupero
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
of Brazil

Argentine-Brazilian Joint Declaration on Nuclear Policy issued at Foz do Iguaçú, Brazil, on 28 November 1990

The President of the Argentine Republic, Mr. Carlos Saúl Menem, and the President of the Federative Republic of Brazil, Mr. Fernando Collor, meeting at Foz do Iguaçú, Brazil,

CONSIDERING:

Their decision to advance the ongoing integration process;

The importance of the use of nuclear energy solely for peaceful purposes for the scientific, economic and social development of both countries;

The commitments made in the Joint Declarations on Nuclear Policy of Foz do Iguaçú (1985), Brasilia (1986), Viedma (1987), Iperó (1988) and Ezeiza (1988);

The reaffirmation of those commitments by both Presidents in the joint communiqué issued at Buenos Aires on 6 July 1990;

The progress achieved in bilateral nuclear co-operation as a result of joint efforts within the framework of the Agreement on Co-operation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy;

NOTING:

The efforts made by the Permanent Bilateral Committee on Nuclear Co-operation to enhance co-operation between the two countries in the areas of research, the exchange of information, industrial complementarity, the exchange of nuclear material, the development of joint projects and policy co-ordination;

The visits by the Presidents and technical experts of the two countries to each other's nuclear facilities, especially to the uranium enrichment plants at Pilcaniyeu and Iperó and the radiochemical process laboratories at Ezeiza, which are a clear indication of the level of mutual confidence achieved between Argentina and Brazil; and

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

The fact that the Permanent Committee has developed mechanisms for monitoring the two countries' nuclear activities which establish, inter alia, joint criteria for the classification of nuclear material and facilities and the determination of their importance, and provide for reciprocal inspections of all nuclear facilities,

HEREBY DECIDE:

1. To adopt the Joint Accounting and Control System agreed on by the Permanent Committee, which shall apply to all the nuclear activities of the two countries;

2. That, as an initial step, the following activities will be carried out within the next 45 days:

(a) The exchange of the respective lists describing all their nuclear facilities;

(b) The exchange of the statements of the initial inventories of nuclear material existing in each country;

(c) The first reciprocal inspections of centralized records systems;

(d) The presentation to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) of the records and reports system which is part of the Joint Accounting and Control System, with a view to bringing it into conformity with the records and reports which both countries submit to the Agency in accordance with the safeguards agreements in force.

3. To enter into negotiations with IAEA with a view to the conclusion of a joint safeguards agreement based on the Joint Accounting and Control System;

4. After the conclusion of the safeguards agreement with IAEA, to take appropriate action to permit the full entry into force for the two countries of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco), including action to update and improve its wording.